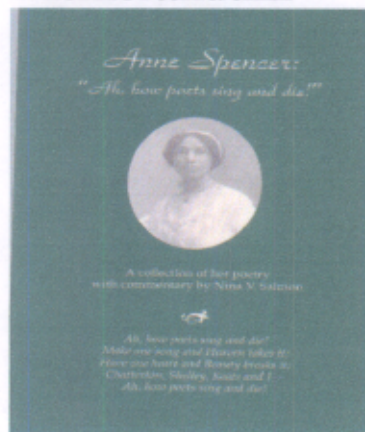


Memorandum



To: Pat Kost
Clerk of Council

CC:

From: Carol Spencer Read
The Anne Spencer House Museum and Garden

Date: October 1, 2002

Re: "Don't Grieve After Me" Display

This is a request be placed on the City Council Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, October 8, 2002. The Anne Spencer House Museum and Garden would like to announce the arrival of the attached display coming to the Main Public Library in November 2002.

Thank- You

**THE ANNE SPENCER HOUSE MUSEUM AND GARDEN
PRESENTS**

Don't Grieve After Me

Main Public Library located at Pittman Plaza during the Month of November 2002



The Black Experience in Virginia 1619-2001

July 21, 1916
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The nine panels exhibit focuses on the contributions of African Americans in Virginia over the past half-century. The exhibit opens with a glimpse into the lives of the Commonwealth's earliest black residents, telling the story of their enforced slavery and subsequent emancipation, and highlighting their strength and perseverance.

1. The first two sections show how black Virginian's have helped build and maintain the Commonwealth, revealing the many agricultural, maritime, and other labor contributions made be African American men and women across the state.
2. The third section shows that the lives of Virginia's black population were not limited to toil, but enjoyed a rich cultural heritage. In this section, "community" is explored from several perspectives; illustrating the many ways black Virginians strengthen and maintain families and neighborhoods through participation in religious worship, recreation, and social activities.
3. The fourth section focuses upon strong civic involvement. It tells the story of black Virginians' longstanding commitment to education, social reform, and political representation in the face of resistance and discrimination.
4. The final section in the exhibit highlights the recent history and experiences of African Americans in the Commonwealth. Continuing with the theme of social activism, these panels demonstrate the ways that black Virginians have positioned themselves for success in the twenty-first century in politics, labor, and community development.

The Anne Spencer House Museum and Garden and the Spencer Family encourages all citizens to view this magnificent traveling display. Black Virginians have struggled to bring freedom and prosperity into their lives. Their accomplishments have carried over onto the lives of every America. This exhibit celebrates these struggles and the pride that can be shared in the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans.